

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present Amendment is supplemental to the Amendment filed February 22, 2005.

The present Supplemental Amendment is submitted to set forth new dependent claims 16-21 for examination. Those new claims are believed to further distinguish over the applied art.

New dependent claim 16 further recites that “the plurality of fixing and holding locations permit the light source to be positioned at different position in a direction perpendicular to an optical axis direction”. The other new dependent claims 17-21 recite similar limitations. That subject matter is believed to be fully supported by the original specification for example in the embodiment in Figure 4.

The light-source part 15 shown for example in Figure 4 has a configuration in which it can move in the direction perpendicular to the optical axis direction. That is, as can be seen from Figure 4, the optical axis is indicated by an arrow passing through a cylindrical part of the light-source part 15. With respect thereto, a first case in which holes A1 and A2 are fitted by pins a1 and a2 and a second case in which holes B1 and B2 are fitted by pins b1, b2 allow the light-source part 15 to move in a direction perpendicular to the optical axis. That subject matter is also noted in the present specification for example at page 23, lines 15-19 and page 25, lines 10-14.

Such features recited in new claims 16-21 are believed to even further distinguish over the applied art. More specifically, none of the previously applied art to Naiki, Kane, or Kuroda teach or suggest such a structure in which the light source can be positioned at different locations in a direction perpendicular to an optical axis. Thus, new claims 16-21 are believed to even further distinguish over the applied art.

In view of the Amendment filed February 22, 2005, and the present Supplemental Amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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